



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application

Joseph Peter Hubert Maria MERTENS

Serial No.: 10/511,339

Examiner: A.K. Pechhold

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Art Unit: 3671

For: BARRIER ELEMENT

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 7, 2006, the period being extended by the concurrently filed petition and fee therefore, please amend the above-identified application as follows: